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"THE ILLUSTRATED COMPANION HISTORY OF SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY"

Not long after Loyola College and Sir George Williams University merged in August, 1974, to form Concordia, a couple of dedicated SGW employees set out to trace the fascinating history of SGW.

Their work has now been completed and was recently published by Concordia as The Illustrated Companion History of Sir George Williams University.

No other university could produce such a fascinating story woven into the fabric of Montreal from the dirty thirties to the frantic sixties. It begins with a tiny YMCA college, borrowing classrooms and labs from other institutions, continues with burgeoning growth to the largest evening college on the continent, recognition as a university and ends with the merger with Loyola to become one of Canada's largest universities.

You'll read how its early beginnings were charted and how turbulent students, determined professors, demanding businessmen and interfering governments pulled it off course. But there's much more to enjoy: the elusive flavour of the concrete campus, drinking in the tavern next door, the conflict between generalists and specialists, the bright students, the dull lecturers, the real teacher, the late night classes, the computer incident.

Irving Layton has a poem about his seven o'clock lecture. Margaret Atwood recalls when a student's term paper informed her that Moby Dick was not a social disease. And Mordecai Richler tells how he escaped Sir George for London. There are illustrations on every page including photographs, drawings, ads and cartoons taken from early issues of the Georgian. There's lots of perceptive wit and wry comment about the ways things were - the way we were - back then.

Copies of this fascinating 185-page history are available at a cost of \$15 from the Concordia bookstores or from Ogilvy's.

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